



WOMEN  
IN GREEN  
SHIPPING

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## **Please share something about your background: your studies, your early career ambition(s), any jobs you had before you started to work in shipping.**

My journey into shipping may not have started with fireworks, but it has certainly evolved into a fulfilling and dynamic career. I studied Maritime Studies at university, driven by a curiosity about global trade and the movement of goods. After graduation, I entered the shipping industry and have now accumulated nearly 16 years of experience across operations, chartering, strategy, and project management.

Each role has offered unique challenges and learning opportunities, shaping me into a well-rounded professional. I'm always seeking new avenues for personal growth and exposure, and I embrace change as a catalyst for innovation. What began as a straightforward career path has blossomed into an exciting adventure—one that continues to evolve.

## **How did you come to work in the alternative fuels shipping industry?**

As part of the Shipping team in Anglo American, I've had the privilege of contributing to one of the most innovative projects in our sector—the commissioning of the Ubuntu Fleet, comprising 10 liquefied natural gas (LNG) dual-fuel dry bulk carriers. From shipbuilding to vessel delivery, I've been deeply involved in every stage of this three-year journey.

This experience has been transformative. It's not just about technical execution; it's about engaging with diverse stakeholders, understanding strategic implications, and seeing the bigger picture. It has broadened my perspective and deepened my appreciation for sustainable shipping solutions. I'm excited about what lies ahead, as Anglo American continues to push boundaries in green shipping.

## **What is it about working in this sector that makes you want to get up in the morning?**

Each morning, I wake up with the mindset: "Today, I am better than yesterday." I believe in making time count and living without regrets. Change can be daunting, but it's also necessary. Taking the first step isn't always easy—but it's where growth begins. This philosophy keeps me motivated and grounded.

## **What are the biggest challenges or compromises in your job? How have you tackled them?**

Shipping is a fast-paced, high-stakes industry. One of the biggest challenges is balancing operational efficiency with long-term sustainability goals. Navigating complex stakeholder expectations while maintaining strategic clarity requires resilience and adaptability.

I'm proud of the role I've played in the Ubuntu Fleet project—not just for its technical success, but for the collaborative spirit it fostered. It's a testament to what can be achieved when innovation meets purpose.

## **How do you see your career developing in the future?**

I see my career continuing to evolve in tandem with the industry's transformation. I'm keen to be part of more pioneering projects, especially those that integrate sustainability, digitalisation, and diversity. Leadership, to me, is not just about managing teams—it's about inspiring change and creating impact.

## **How do you feel the maritime sector has embraced the talent and value of women?**

The maritime sector has made strides in embracing female talent, but there's still a long way to go. At Anglo American, I'm proud to be part of an organisation that values diversity and actively supports female leadership. People are truly the heart of our business, and I've seen firsthand how inclusive policies can empower individuals.

While being a woman in shipping has presented its share of challenges, it has also been a source of strength. I've learned to question the status quo, advocate for myself, and lead with authenticity.

## **What would be your three top career tips for women who would like to enter, or have recently joined, the shipping industry?**

- ✧ Be confident – Believe in your capabilities and speak up.
- ✧ Challenge norms – Don't be afraid to question outdated practices.
- ✧ Follow your heart – Pursue what feels right and meaningful to you.

## **What value do you see in the WiGS initiative?**

WiGS is more than an initiative, it's a movement. It creates a safe, supportive, and inspiring space for women in green shipping to connect, share, and grow. I see immense value in its mission to raise visibility and foster mentorship.

## **What more could we do to boost women's profiles and careers in the industry?**

- ✧ Organise seminars focused on career development and leadership.
- ✧ Launch mentoring programmes across regions.
- ✧ Facilitate networking sessions and collect feedback to address real challenges faced by women in the industry.

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